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Trees on Maine Street Bulletin

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Drawing by Rene Eisenbart

Abies koreana Korean fir

A slow growing, small stature tree only reaching 15'- 30' in height. The cones are the trees most notable feature with their rich violet purple color, 2-3" long, and 1" wide. Cones occur on 3-5' high plants. Needs full sun and good drainage. 'Hortmann's Siberlocke' is the most common cultivar, with irregular branching and needles curling up to reveal the bright silver underside. A Cary award winner for 2005.

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MAINE FOREST SERVICE PROJECT CANOPY

The forest continuum extends far beyond the forests which we (in the urban and community forestry realm) typically consider. From the tree-lined streets and parks in our downtowns to the private yards and forests of Maine's rural communities, the Maine Forest Service has several programs to address your forest resource related needs. To learn more about MFS landowner assistance, forest health, marketing and utilization, forest fire control or other MFS programs, please contact the Maine Forest Service at 1-800-367-0223 (in-state) or visit www.maineforestservice.org. For information about Project Canopy, please contact Michael DeBonis, Project Canopy Director, at 207-287-4987 or michael.debonis@maine.gov

COMMUNITY FORESTS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Community owned forests might be the answer for some U.S. communities now confronting unanticipated and unwanted large scale land use changes – changes that could irrevocably change their local landscapes and quality of life. Community-owned and –managed forests can be found around the world, and are not a new concept. Some New England “town forests,” for instance were established nearly a century ago. The recent surge of interest in community forests in the U.S., however is unprecedented. In response, a three day national conference will be held in Missoula, Montana, June 16-19, 2005, to bring together practitioners from around the country to explore issues, options, and experiences in community forest establishment, governance, management, and use. The target audience is people from communities facing forest land conversions and either considering the possibility of a community forest or already involved in one. It will be a practitioner oriented conference, enabling attendees to get to know their counterparts elsewhere and garner practical information and ideas they can take home and effectively use in their own situations. Conference specifics can be found at www.communitiescommittee.org/conference/index.php. The Communities Committee, conference sponsor, will provide scholarships for roughly 25 individuals from throughout New England to cover travel expenses. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please contact Ann Ingerson at 802-586-9625.

MANOMET HOSTS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ON “COMMUNITY-BASED FORESTRY”

Manomet is hosting a one-day conference on “Community-based Forestry,” which will be held on Monday, April 4, 2005 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland, Maine. Community-based forestry refers to any effort where groups of people work together to maintain or enhance their forest values, and where forestry plays a role in achieving those values. The values can include local woods jobs, local mill jobs, recreation, clean water, watchable wildlife, game species, and biodiversity. Community-based forestry has emerged as on framework for preventing forests from being converted to other land uses. The assumption is that groups of people, sometimes with very diverse values and interests, can better protect their values by working together than by working independently. The purpose of this conference is to introduce the concept of community-based forestry, and to explore opportunities for putting this concept to work in Maine. Mary Mitsos from the National Forest Foundation will provide an overview of community-based forestry, with examples from around the U.S. David Brynn of Vermont Family Forests will explain how he set up a community-based forestry project in Vermont. U.S. Congressman Tom Allen, a small woodlot owner in Maine, will offer opening remarks. Visit www.manomet.org or call 207-721-9040 for program and registration information.

NATURE HELPS FIGHT ADHD

Activities in “green” spaces such as farms, parks and even backyards often seemed to temporarily quell children's symptoms of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). “A Potential Natural Treatment for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: Evidence from a National Study” by Frances Kuo, PhD, and Andrea Faber Taylor, PhD, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign show that hands-on structured outdoor activities improve behavior and produces positive results for students with ADHD. The complete report is available in the American Journal of Public Health, September 2004, vol 94, No. 9. Two interest articles provide summaries: Nature Helps Fight ADHD - WebMD article <http://my.webmd.com/content/article/93/102307.htm>

Great Outdoors May Ease ADHD Symptoms - Reuters article
<http://www.healthypages.net/newspage.asp?newsid=4527>

EPA UPDATES FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's State and Local Capacity Building Branch has updated its funding opportunities directory. It is designed to help identify financial and technical assistance opportunities for efforts that reduce energy costs, improve air quality and public health, and enhance opportunities for economic development. "Funding Opportunities: A Directory of Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Environmental Protection Assistance Programs" provides an extensive list of grants available from EPA, other federal agencies, state governments, and private foundations. For more information, visit <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=811>

CONSERVATION DESIGN RESOURCE MANUAL

This manual was written for use by local governments interested in modifying local comprehensive plans, zoning and subdivision ordinances, and other ordinances to accommodate the principles and practices of conservation design. Communities that choose to implement conservation design will see a variety of benefits, including reduced flooding, improved water quality, enhanced biodiversity, higher property values, higher tax revenues, and greater community cohesion.

http://www.chicagowilderness.org/pubprod/miscpdf/CD_Resource_manual.pdf



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LINKING UP

“I never saw a
discontented tree. They
grip the ground as though
they liked it, and though
fast rooted they travel
about as far as
we do. They go wandering
forth in all directions with
every wind, going and
coming like ourselves,
traveling with us around
the
sun two million miles a day,
and through space heaven
knows how fast and far”
~ John Muir

UP AND COMING

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assists communities and nonprofit,
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sustaining urban and community forestry
programs with strong local support.

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2005 FORESTS OF MAINE TEACHERS’ TOURS

The Maine Tree foundation and Maine Project Learning Tree have announced the annual Forests of Maine Teachers’ Tours. Teachers are eligible to join one of three tours to learn about sustainable forestry, forest ecology, recreation, wildlife, wood products and more. Participants will be certified as a Project Learning Tree Teacher, while also earning contact hours and a minimum of 2.8 CEU’s. If you or a teacher you know may be interested, please contact 207-621-9872 or email mft@ghi.net to receive an information/registration brochure.

TREE DISEASE RELATED WEB RESOURCES

- The following web links explore some of the diseases and other threats that certain trees must contend with to remain healthy and vital.
1. USDA Forest Service-St. Paul Field Office: How to Publications
<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howto.htm>
 2. Forest & Shade Tree Pathology
<http://www.forestpathology.org/>
 3. Michigan State University Extension: Oak Wilt
http://www.msue.msu.edu/reg_se/roberts/oakwilt/
 4. California Oak Mortality Task Force
<http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/>
 5. USDA Forest Service: Emerald Ash Borer
<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/index.html>
 6. USDA Forest Service: Gypsy Moth Digest
<http://na.fs.fed.us/wv/gmdigest/>
 7. USDA Forest Service: Asian Longhorned Beetle
<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/alb/index.htm>

March

- 5** Maine Arborist Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, Verillos Conference Center, South Portland, Maine, Contact MAA at 207- 737-8561 FMI.
10-13 Portland Flower Show, Portland Company Complex, Portland, Maine. Visit www.portandflowershow.org FMI
11 National Arbor Day Poster Contest submissions due. Contact Jan Ames Santerre at 207-623-2371 FMI.
11 Green Roof Design 101. Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. Friday, March 11th, 2005, Morey Hall, Morey Lounge, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, Vermont, 8:30 am to 5 pm. Register on-line at: www.greenroofs.org
13-16 Emerging Issues Along Urban/Rural interfaces: Linking Science and Society, Atlanta, GA. Learn more at www.sfws.auburn.edu/urbanruralinterfaces/
15-16 Northeast Regional Community and Urban IPM Conference, Manchester, NH. Conference web site http://nepmc.org/conference2005_index.cfm or contact Liz Thomas at 315-787-2626
17 Pining for Spring, 6-8 PM, Pine Tree State Arboretum. Horticulturists Sue McIntyre and Larry Babson will introduce you to new annual, perennial, tree, and shrub varieties for 2005 and answer any of your gardening questions. Register with Gaby Howard at 622-9562. Free
22 Massachusetts Arborist Association, Electrical Hazard Awareness Training. Please call the Massachusetts Arborists Association directly for more information or to register: (508) 653-3320 web: <http://www.massarbor.org>
29 Community Tree Conference. Practical Solutions for Challenging Problems. Stockbridge Hall – UMass – Amherst. Contact Kathleen Carrol at 413-545-0895 for more information.

April

- 4** Community-Based Forestry. One day conference hosted by Manomet. Eastland Park Hotel, Portland, Maine. Visit www.manomet.org or call 207-721-9040 FMI.
May
15-21 Maine Arbor Week
23-25 Urban Wildlife Management Conference, Arbor Day Farm/Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. Visit www.arborday.org/conferences or contact 1-888-448-7337 FMI.

If you would like to put your community’s activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.